

BENJAMIN THOMAS WOLF ANNOUNCES CANDIDACY FOR THE 5th CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT IN ILLINOIS

Former F.B.I. National Security Official, U.S. Diplomat and Iraq Veteran, Brings a Strong Yet Progressive Vision as a U.S. Congressional Candidate

CHICAGO, IL - 02/06/2017—Benjamin Thomas Wolf, former F.B.I. National Security Official, U.S. Diplomat, and professor of human rights, is pleased to announce his candidacy for the 5th Congressional District in Illinois. A social justice advocate with two decades of experience at the highest levels of government, Wolf feels he's the type of strong yet progressive voice Chicago needs in Washington during this time of political uncertainty.

Wolf has spent his entire professional career in public service, protecting and defending others. After completing a university fellowship on Capitol Hill, he was recruited by the F.B.I., and went on to become a Counter-Terrorism and Counter-Intelligence official. He worked some of the most highly classified investigations and was the first F.B.I. responder to the Pentagon on 9/11.

As an American Diplomat, Wolf spent the two decades working in human rights and security in over 65 countries. He worked and lived in Africa and the Middle East for many years, and received multiple awards and recognition for his life-saving efforts in conflict zones. Wolf was later appointed a Presidential envoy, a United Nations liaison and a personal staff member to multiple Secretaries of State. He has also been deployed five separate times in Iraq.

Currently, Wolf is a professor of International Human Rights and co-owner of Park & Field restaurant in Logan Square. Wolf is also the founder and President of the non-profit fair housing organization,

Keep Chicago Livable. Through this organization, Wolf recently challenged Chicago's prohibitive new restrictions on Airbnb and shared housing in federal court, winning a December ruling that put a temporary hold on the restrictions going into effect.

"Benjamin Thomas Wolf understands that Chicago is in need of young, intelligent and fresh elected officials. He wants to give a voice to everyone that refuses to believe the status quo and believes in the potential of our city and its people".

E. Delgado – Career US Department of Justice Official, Public Corruption and Civil Rights Division.

Informed by his work as a global humanitarian, Wolf says equality, peace and education are the organizing principles of his campaign. He is not willing to accept the current federal policies and plans that seek to jeopardize these values.

When elected, Wolf will limit the powers of the country's new administration, run by a president he says has "little sense of respect, service or humility," and whom he believes "is a threat to the constitution and all the progress we've achieved as a democracy the last decade."

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